THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Indigenous crude production in the last three years has been as follows:

	(Million tonnes)
(i) 1988-89	32.06
(ii) 1989-90	34.09
(iii) 1990-91	33.00

A number of oil development projects are being taken up to augment domestic crude oil production.

(c) and (d) The Petroleum Conservation Research Association and the refineries have estimated that as a result of the multifaceted efforts made by them during the Seventh Plan period, savings on account of the various petroleum products conserved worked out to about Rs. 695 crores. During 1990-91, the estimated savings achieved by them worked out to about Rs. 238 crores.

Plan for oil conservation

595. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared and action plan to intensify oil conservation in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) An Inter-Ministrial Working Group had made a number of recommendations for conservation of petroleum products in various sectors such as transport, industry, agriculture etc. These have been made available to the concerned Ministries/Departments.

D.B. connection in Delhi

596. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) since when D.B. connections have not been provided to the LPG consumers in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that D. B. connections are still not being provided to the consumers in Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when the same are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Double Bottle Connections have been provided in Delhi even during the current financial year (1991-92).

Gas Cracker Projects in Assam

597. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for setting up a Gas cracker project in Assam;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether the project is likely to be in the form of Central Government Undertaking; and

(d) what is the proposed financial outlay of the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) A letter of intent has been granted to the Assam State Industrial Development Corporation to set up an ethylene gas cracker unit of 300,000 tonnes per annum capacity.

पैट्रोल/डीजल और एल०पी०जी० की कालाबाजारी

598. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के सूरत एवं बड़ोदरा जिलों में

काला बाजारी में शामिल पाई गई पेट्रोल/डीजल और एल०पी०जी० की एजेंसियों का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनके खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश की कालाबाजारी करती हुई पाई गई पेट्रोल/डीजल तथा एल०पी०जी० की खुदरा बिक्री एजेंसियों की जिलावार संख्या कितनी थी ; और

(ग) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान उक्त जिलों में कितनी पेट्रोल/डीजल एवं एल०पी०जी० एजेंसियों के लाइसेंस रद्द किए गए हैं ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Royalty on Crude Oil

599. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of royalty on crude oil and gas paid by Centre to Oil/gas producing States;

(b) what is the procedure for fixing and revising the rates and whether it is a fact that certain States have demanded increased royalty and if so, whether Government propose to review the rates; and

(c) what is the revenue earned from oil cess and excise duty from each oil producing State during the last five years and the amount paid to the States as royalty?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Oil producing companies at present pay royalty to Rs. 314/- per metric tonne of crude oil and 10 per cent of the value of natural gas obtained at well head. The rate of royalty is determined under the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 from time to time. A Committee set up by the Central Government to examine the royalty to be paid after 31-3-1990 has recently submitted its report.

(c) The details of cess collected in terms of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 and the details of royalty paid during the last five years are given in the Statement.

Statement

1, *Amount of cess released from Oil Produced in various States:*

	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	0.01	0.10	0.12	0.57	1.07
Arunachal Pradesh	1.82	2.21	2.20	3.33	3.73
Assam	164.21	298.71	334.74	489.12	427.49
Gajarat	144.92	286.58	325.71	513.34	555.49
Nagaland	3.40	5.15	8.60	12.04	10.75
Tamil Nadu	0.18	0.73	1.95	17.75	26.75